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SUBJECT: NIGER REQUEST TO SYG LUNS FOR AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE

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1. DURING NAC MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, SYG LUNS RECALLED REQUEST BY AMBASSADOR OF NIGER FOR NATO COUNTRIES' ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING 300 TONS OF EC-SUPPLIED POWDERED MILK TO DROUGHT VICTIMS IN HIS COUNTRY. LUNS ANNOUNCED THAT FRG HAD INFORMED HIM THAT IT WILLING PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR 100 TONS OF TOTAL. FRENCH REP (DE ROSE) REPORTED THAT FRANCE HAS JUST REACHED DECISION TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AIRLIFT FOR 130 TONS.

2. AS BACKGROUND FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL, BELGIAN REP
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(VAN ROEY) GAVE BRIEF BREAKDOWN OF DISASTER RELIEF BEING PROVIDED BY EC TO ETHIOPIA AND FIVE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NIGER. THE EC COMMITMENT, APPROVED BY THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JANUARY 15, 1974, COVERED BOTH THE COST OF FOOD STUFFS

AND THE NECESSARY TRANSPORT. THE NIGER APPEAL TO LUNS EVIDENTLY
RESULTED FROM NIGER CONCERN THAT THE 300 TONS OF
POWDERED MILK WOULD NOT REACH THEIR DESTINATION IN TIME
ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT EC DELIVERY TIMETABLE AND THAT MORE
URGENT AIRLIFT ACTION WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY.

3. FYI: MEMBER OF BELGIAN NATO DEL SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED
MISSION THAT BELGIAN AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE DECISION BY END OF
THIS WEEK ON GOB RESPONSE TO THE PRESENT NIGER APPEAL TO
LUNS. END FYI.
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